Strike delays work on Lafayette Mkt.

Construction of the new Lafayette Market, 1700 block Pennsylvania ave. previously delayed six months due to technical difficulties, has been further held up due to a city-wide strike of several unions affiliated with the Baltimore Building and Construction Trades Council.

An estimated 9000 workers are involved in the strike. It began April 1. Labor representatives contend they are asking various union wage increases of 15 to 25 cents an hour.

However the management group involved insists that the unions are demanding various increases of 35 to 55 cents an hour.

Meanwhile the strike has not affected work on the ROTC and heating plant building at Morgan State college.

THE NEW Lafayette Market was scheduled for completion within 204 working days after November 14, 1955 or at least by the end of October 1956.

However necessary tests of specially constructed beams of 102 feet length delayed work six months according to R. E. L. Williams, engineer in the city's Bureau of Building Construction.

Boy Scout's testimony helps convict driver

"I was sitting in our car, when I saw another car come down the street the wrong way and hit our car. I wrote the license number on the back of my notebook."

This testimony in Traffic Court Monday by a nine-year-old Boy Scout helped to convict Robert Colbert, 33, of 925 Forrest St., on charges of failure to stop after an accident, reckless driving and driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

Mr. Colbert was fined $35 and costs. A $25 reckless driving fine was suspended.

"I would be inclined to think this little boy knows what he is talking about," Magistrate Standley Richardson said in convicting Mr. Colbert. "He's in a Boy Scout uniform and so must be accustomed to telling the truth."

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THE ACCIDENT happened on April 1 in the 1800 block Lamont St. A parked car owned by Mrs. Mary R. Carter, of 1827 N. Caroline St., received some $40 damages, it was noted.

The young witness was Ricardo Carter, a pupil at Elmer Henderson School and a member of Scout Troop No. 565.

Mr. Colbert admitted that he had made an improper entry into the one way street on the day in question. He denied hitting another car.

Jail term for postal worker is suspended

Veteran postal employee William Fax, 35, 2210 W. North Ave. was given a 30-day suspended jail term and fined $250 and costs Wednesday following his conviction April 4 of assaulting an officer.

In imposing the penalty, Judge John Tucker decreed $40 restitution for damages done to the officer's watch and $2.25 for his police whistle.

Mr. Fax was found guilty of assaulting Traffic Officer Bernard Thamer following a minor traffic violation on March 10.

A peace disturbance charge against Mr. Fax was suspended by Judge Tucker.

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TAKING THE witness stand during the trial Mr. Fax denied assaulting the officer charging that he was severely beaten by police following a dispute over his signing a traffic ticket.

Mr. Fax has been a postal employee for seven years and prior to that worked for Social Security.

He had no previous criminal record.

Thomas Washington convicted of digit, bootleg charges

Thomas Washington, 37, 3000 block E. Federal St. was convicted by Judge S. Ralph Warnken Wednesday of possessing bootleg liquor and numbers slips and was given a 60-day jail term and a fine of $25 and costs respectively.

Internal Revenue agents nabbed Mr. Washington on March 28 after arranging with an informer to buy a pint of untaxed whiskey from the defendant, Julius Romano, prosecutor told the court.

When arrestede, according to the prosecutor, Mr. Washington had the liquor and two lottery slips in his possession.

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RUN RIGHT TO Read's

A YEAR AGO this week, Barbara Prestwidge, 11-year-old sixth grader, was appearing on the television show "Name That Tune," where she and NYC Fireman Francis Kennedy shared $25,000. This photo made on Wednesday shows her with her brother, Billy, 8. Money she won is in a trust fund for her education. Her spending change is allowance she gets from her parents.

A year ago this week Barbara was a TV star

"I don't think I've changed any . . . I don't talk about it unless someone brings it up."

This is the year later reaction given this week by 11-year-old Barbara Prestwidge, of 1518 N. Pulaski St., who with fame and a sizeable fortune on a nation-wide television quiz show in April 1956.

Barbara shared a $25,000 award with Francis Kennedy, a New York City fireman and her partner on the program, "Name That Tune."

Her $12,500 share is banked in a trust fund for her education and cannot be touched until she is ready to attend college.

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BARBARA GRADUATES in June from the sixth grade at the Windsor Hills School No. 87, Alto Rd. and M. Holly St. She is an editor of the school's paper and recreational squad leader.

"Nothing has changed," Barbara explained. "I still have the same things. I still do the same."

Her mother, Mrs. Algernon A. Prestwidge, Jr., confirmed this and added:

"We have detected no change whatsoever in Barbara's manner or personality toward us, her teachers or even her friends. This has given me much personal satisfaction.

"She enjoyed the experience but doesn't feel that it has made her someone special."

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WOULD BARBARA like to repeat the television performance that brought her national acclaim?

"I'm not so sure," Barbara replied. She is a very expressive person.

She talks with her eyes, her attractive facial features her hands, her entire body. "I don't think mother would like to go through such an experience again."

Barbara has had several guest appearances on TV shows and other programs since.

People still remember her and approach her on the streets as a result of the New York City TV quiz show.

"There is never an occasion when we go downtown," Mrs. Prestwidge said, "that someone doesn't come up to Barbara and ask if she isn't the little girl who was on the television quiz program. Some don't remember her full name, they just remember her as Barbara."

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MEANWHILE, Barbara has continued the same pattern of school and the music she has been studying since she was four and the same home life she followed prior to her sojourn in the show business limelight.

"I am interested in the community as a whole, in terms of working, living and playing together, and I am interested in the welfare of our children."

Ben Goldberg, recently elected president of the New Ashburton Improvement Association, declared this week.

Mr. Goldberg, operator of Ben's Food Market, 3400 Piedmont Ave., succeeds Earl Koger, the group's first president.

The new president extends an open invitation to ALL the residents of the Ashburton area to participate in future plans.

THE NEW Ashburton Improvement Association meets the second Tuesday of every month at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Gwynns Falls and Longwood St., Rev. S. B. Redd, pastor.

Other officers are: T. Shelton Coles, vice president; Bernice White, recording secretary; Jerome Todd; corresponding secretary; Harry Carpenter, treasurer.

On the executive committee are: Roland Henson, Thomas Parks, and Earl Koger.

Committee chairmen are: Charlie Lamb, membership; Nathan Woods, goodwill; Flan Couch, zoning; Charles Jackson, finance; Clinton S. Agnew, political action.

Others are: Ida W. Boyd, city services; Verna Gosnell, consumers; Hiram Butler, recreation and parks; Earla McKinnon, home and gardens; and Walter Vickers, youth.

'I am interested in the community'

Bunny money winners to be listed Tuesday

Final winners of PALMA's Bunny Money Contest will be announced next Tuesday, April 23.

Lists of the winning numbers will be posted in all official PALMA stores in the 1500 to 1800 blocks of Pennsylvania Ave. and will be published in the April 27 issue of the AFRO.

Prizes totaling $340 will have been given away at the close of the contest. First prize is $35; second prize, $25, and there are five third prizes valued at $5 each.

Churches named by the holders of winning Lucky Bunny Money Coupons will receive cash awards in the same amounts as the winners.

The first $35 winner in the contest was the holder of Lucky Bunny Money Coupon 2819A. Other winners were: Second prize, $25, 3455A; Third prizes, $5, 729A, 245A, 8207A, 5302A.

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REMEMBER TO give the name of your clergyman and the name and address of your church.

This, the second week's contest, concludes the Bunny Money Coupons. Last day to get Free Bunny Money Coupons is Saturday, April 20. Any adult may get his free coupons by merely stopping at any official PALMA store and requesting them.

There is nothing to buy, nothing to write. Coupons are absolutely free. There is no obligation of any kind.

When you see the posted and published lists of winners, compare the numbers with the numbers on any coupons you have. If one of your coupons has a number which matches the numbers on the lists, take your coupon to the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St. before 5 p.m. on Friday, April 26, and present it. Your prize will be there.

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REMEMBER TO give the name of your clergyman and the name and address of your church.

Union has $30,000

Dr. Houston Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, chairman of a committee of 100 to raise $60,000 to pay for Union Baptist Church's $150,000 recreation center.

In three meetings $30,000 has

ELECTED — Ben Goldberg, president of the New Ashburton Improvement Association, Inc., shortly after his election, said: "I am interested in the community."

Democratic Viewpoint

The vote and registration campaign started by the NAACP and which is headed by the leading ministers of the community should get the whole-hearted support of all groups in the community.

Too often these drives have bogged down because of personalities, dislike of leadership and party rivalry.

We have a job to do and certainly such petty differences should not in any many disrupt the efforts made by any group which has as its goal the registration of more voters.

I was chairman of one of these campaigns several years ago and I have participated in other NAACP drives.

These jobs were effective in putting many on the books.

We must keep up the fight. A few years ago a group of citizens of both parties came together to conduct a similar drive.

They met in the offie of Mr. Carl Murphy on several occasions and before long the work started.

"Mrs. Vernice Spraggs, an assistant to Congressman Thomson, was assigned to spearhead the drive. Mrs. Spraggs is one of the most dynamic women I have ever met and she undertook the job with the proper determination that the project would be successful.

WORKING closely with her was Mrs. Victorine Adams and her women who can always be counted on to do a good political job.

At first many leaders came and pledged their support but later petty jealousy, underhanded politics and just plain stupidity arose in the top levels.

Willard Allen, a Republican and Carl Murphy, a Democrat, were the co-chairmen but this did not deter those who claimed it was a democratic trick.

Why was it a democratic trick?—Simply because Mrs. Spraggs was a democrat. Many Republicans refused to work with the group because it might lead to more Democratic voices on the books.

There were others who disliked some of the leaders and for this reason said we will work in our group.

Mrs. Adams was present just about every morning with her women who went out from the little office we had on Smithson Street which Dr. Barnett Rhetta Jr. has generously loaned to us rent free.

This could have been a campaign of major proportions. We had some money. Ed. Nace, The Masons and AFRO-AMERICAN each contributed $1,000. Behind the drive, good sound leadership, the services of a dynamic woman who had been all over the country doing the same type of work, a building rent free, and many interested workers.

Little by little, however, these petty feelings crept in to hinder the effort. It was instrumental in putting many on the books but it fell short of the hoped for goal.

Mrs. Spraggs left with a feeling that in Baltimore, we were more interested in our differences than in seeing to it that the vote was registered to its maximum potential.

This new group is headed by those members of the community who are dedicated to the proposition that we need to strengthen ourselves at the polls.

They are fired up because of the ridiculous fact that we couldn't get 11 votes out of the city counsel to end hotel discrimination.

These leaders will not be deterred by party rivalry and jealousy.

Those of you in the community who have been discouraged by past actions of political leaders can now be assured that this group, backed as it is by the NAACP, will not stop until the job is done.

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THESE MINISTERS and Mrs. Juanita Mitchell have no time for squabbles. They mean to get the job done, and they need you.

All citizens interested in the welfare of our group should be a part of this team.

'Normal mail service now,' Postmaster

"We are happy to announce the resumption of normal mail services."

"We have just received an order to restore the curtailed services, which have been in effect since Saturday."

"Our operations are expected to be back to normal tomorrow."

William F. Laukaitis, acting postmaster, was explaining the resumption of suspended Saturday home delivery and curtailed downtown deliveries and postoffice window services.

Mr. Laukaitis said the curtailment did affect some 400 substitute mail clerks and carriers, who are called on a daily basis as needed.

"What happened, though," he explained, "is that we didn't call in very many of the substitute help because we had no work for them."

Mails are heavy at present, due to the Easter period, Mr. Laukaitis stated, but the order restoring normal services should insure deliveries on

Clean Block lady will be 83 years old on Easter Day

By MAX JOHNSON

"Do you know, this is a rather special birthday for me. It is only the second time I can remember in my lifetime when Easter and my birthday are on the same date, aren't these cards lovely?"

The tiny lady paused for a moment in arranging a handful of greeting cards around a vase of fresh gladiolus.

More cards, more flowers were everywhere about the living room of her apartment at 2427 Madison Ave.

If you are formal, she is Miss Frances Murphy. To many she is simply "Miss Frances." To hundreds of others, she is the "AFRO's Clean Block Lady," because she founded and directed this newspaper's clean-up promotion 21 years ago.

She will observe her 83rd birthday this Easter Sunday.

The only other time her April birthdate has come on Easter during her lifetime was back in 1933.

IF EASTER Sunday is a good day, Miss Murphy will attend her church—the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, Madison Ave. near North where she has been attending since 1915 and a member since 1922.

It will be the first time she has been out since illness struck her last November. She is an honorary member of the Daughteiness Board and its first chairman.

"I think I'm getting along nicely now," Miss Frances confided. "The doctor is doing all he can, and I'm doing all I can."

She should eat more, though. But it's rather difficult to keep an appetite, when you are not too active.

ACTIVITY FOR Miss Frances means the word in its fullest extent.

Constant community interests which have covered 60 years, of teaching school and a lifetime of church and civic work.

Recognition for her services in this respect are attested to by an entire wall in her home covered by organizational citations. They date back to the World War One period.

"I move around here quite a bit," she explained, "but I can't get out just yet. I would like to get out and drive around again soon."

How does she feel about weathering a severe and lengthy illness?

"Everyone has been so nice to me," she answered. "I've just been concentrating on getting well, but my recovery so far is certainly due to the excellent care I've gotten."

IS THERE any advice—her formula for a long life such as she has enjoyed.

Miss Frances finished arranging the new batch of greeting cards, moved briskly to a sofa and sat down.

"I don't stand too much at a time," she explained, then put her attention to the question.

MISS FRANCES L. MURPHY
AFRO Clean Block lady is 83 on Easter Sunday

"I don't know. I've had a good home and family life. A full religious life. And I've always been active in community life.

"Maybe there are such factors. I would say they have been for me."

"I've been wondering," Miss Frances continued, again indicating the cards and flowers, "how I could possibly thank all the people who have been so nice to me. I get many lovely cards like these every day.

"It is very seldom, too, that I do not have fresh flowers daily. I would like all of these nice people to know how much I appreciate their kindness. Many of these have come from my AFRO Clean Block workers, too.

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SO, IF the weather is appropriate, Miss Frances might once again be out to church this Easter Sunday.

Out among the many friends she values so highly.

The Weather Man, at this writing, has predicted Easter will be cool and fair.

If this prediction proves unsuitable for Miss Frances, she will remain at home with cards and flowers from her many, many friends who will be unable to personally visit and wish her many more happy birthdays.

J. Hargrove promoted to higher post

"Mr. Hargrove has shown himself to be capable, efficient, and thorough in the handling of an increasingly large volume of the Government's legal work.

"His promotion is well deserved and meets with the wholehearted approval of the entire staff of this office."

This statement was made Tuesday by Leon H. A. Pierson, United States attorney, in announcing the appointment of John R. Hargrove as his first assistant.

MR. HARGROVE an assistant United States attorney since Oct. 3, 1955, was named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation last month of James H. Langrall who joined a private law firm.

A University of Maryland Law School graduate, Mr. Hargrove's promotion followed the practice of upgrading the assistant with the longest tenure to the position of first assistant United States attorney.

Mr. Hargrove who lives with his wife and two sons at 2624 N. Longwood St. was in private law practice before joining the United States attorney's staff. He is a veteran of World War II.

FIRST ASSISTANT U.S. Attorney is the new title of John R. Hargrove. He has served as an assistant U.S. attorney since October 1955. His promotion to first assistant was announced Wednesday by Leon H. A. Pierson, U.S. Attorney.

Quick thinking wins AFRO top money

The quick thinking of one AFRO-Newspiper resulted in a line story this week and a $5 check for the tipster. It was about the shooting which took the life of a mother.

Checks for $2 were mailed to readers who sent the leads on the man killed at Calhoun and Harlem; the fracas involving two of the fairer sex at No. 181 and the car that "climbed" up on the sidewalk.

There were other tips which the editors thought were worth $1 apiece. Such as the death of "Miss Emma," the arrest of a well known Dundalk man; and the fire at the Holland Laundry.

Also the tip on the live Easter bunny over on East Lafayette Ave. and the sudden death of little Catherine Roberts.

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL 19

Young Artist Series the Passion Singers in three cantatas written by Richard G. Richardson Jr., in the Booker T. Washington Auditorium, Madison Ave. and Lanvale St., 8:15 p.m.

APRIL 21-24

Easter Sunday

Promenade along the Avenue, Pennsylvania that is. Prizes for the best dressed strollers. Time is 2 to 4 p.m. Sponsored by BALMA.

Chi Delta Mu, professional fraternity, meets at the Masonic Temple.

APRIL 25

53rd annual meeting of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

APRIL 26

Howard University Alumni present the Arena Players in "Miss Menagerie" at Metropolitan Methodist Church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St., 8:30 p.m.

Park Royal Division of the Mt. Royal Improvement Association meets at 638 W. North Ave., 8:30 p.m.

APRIL 26-27

"Plain and Fancy" is the spring production of the Valley Players at Mergenthaler Audiorium, 35th and Hillen Rd., 8:30 p.m.

APRIL 27

Third annual Maryland Conference on Citizenship in the State House at Annapolis.

APRIL 28

Eastside Community Singers' recital at Trinity Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. and McMechen St., 5 p.m.

Young Artist Series presents Marie Franklin, Earl Chainey Matthew Fraling, in the auditorium of Booker T. Washington Junior High, 5 p.m.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority sponsors Joseph Victor Laderoute in a recital at Ames Methodist Church, Carey and Baker Sts. He will be assisted by Junetta Jones, Dorothy Loftin and Veronica Tyler.

Installation of Dr. Parlett L. Moore as president of Coppin State Teachers College, 3 p.m., Douglass High School auditorium, Guyon Falls Parkway and Pulaski St.

The Blind Association of Baltimore will appear in a musical concert at the Community Baptist Church, Joppa, Md., at 3 p.m. Mrs. Isaac Scott is chairman. The Rev. Isaac Scott, pastor.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority sponsors in recital Joseph Victor Laderoute, tenor at Ames Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

APRIL 29, 30

Master Beauticians annual Spring Trade and Beauty Show at the Monumental Elks Home, Madison Ave. and McMechen St.

APRIL 30

Panel discussion on changing neighborhoods at the Cathedral School Auditorium, 11 W. Mulberry St. 8 p.m. Speakers will include Dr. Furman Templeton of the Urban League and Miss Frances Morton of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

MAY 5

The 14th Annual Spring Concert of the Blind Association will be held at 3 p.m. at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St. An added attraction is a "Mock Convention" drama by members of the association, James Charkeley, is president; Miss Serdia Mason, secretary; Miss Anna Hunter, business manager and director; Miss Gladys Floyd, pianist.

MAY 18

The 81st running of the Preakness.

MAY 19

Spartrows Beach Ball.

Health unit drive begins in County

A kick meeting on Sunday signaled the start of the Membership and Fund Drive of the Turner Health Committee.

The goal of the drive is the establishment of a health center in the Turner Station area.

Presiding officer for the meeting was Robert Abbott. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. McKay Miller, pastor of New Life Presbyterian Church.

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THE PURPOSE of the meeting was given by Preston Payne, manager of Sollers Home.

The guest speaker, Dr. William H. Warthen, deputy state and county health officer, was introduced by Mrs. Emily P. Hardy, county health nurse.

A plan of action was outlined by Mrs. Erma McDaniel. The benediction was given by the Rev. John H. Carter.

Meetings will be held each month at various churches in the community. Volunteer workers are still being sought. Interested persons are asked to contact Mr. Abbott.

Reading specialist at School No. 113

The faculty of Benjamin Banneker School No. 113 received assistance from Mrs. Eunice Boyce, a reading specialist, in constructing a well balanced program for instrction in all reading areas.

The teachers who received this aid were, Bertha Floyd, Sedonia Powers, Adrian Datcher, Naomi Johnson, Shirley Pickett and Yvonne Barre.

LOST—After boarding a New York bound plane in Jamaica, this 76-year-old man who told police his name was Henry Agustus Stewart, was unable to explain Sunday how he arrived in Baltimore. New York police finally located relatives of Mr. Stewart and on Wednesday he continued his journey. Mr. Stewart said he is a retired member of the Jamaican police force.